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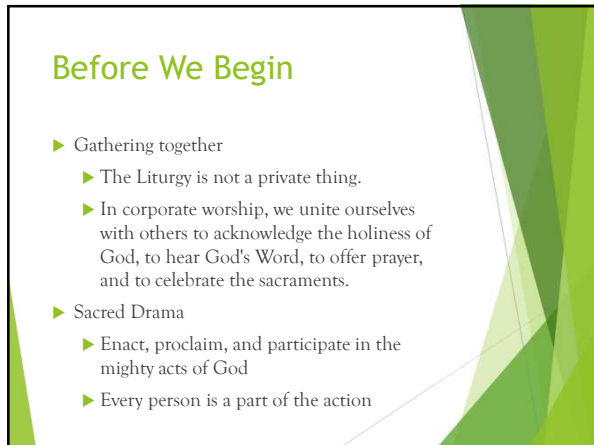
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### Before We Begin

- ▶ Gathering together
  - ▶ The Liturgy is not a private thing.
  - ▶ In corporate worship, we unite ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments.
- ▶ Sacred Drama
  - ▶ Enact, proclaim, and participate in the mighty acts of God
  - ▶ Every person is a part of the action

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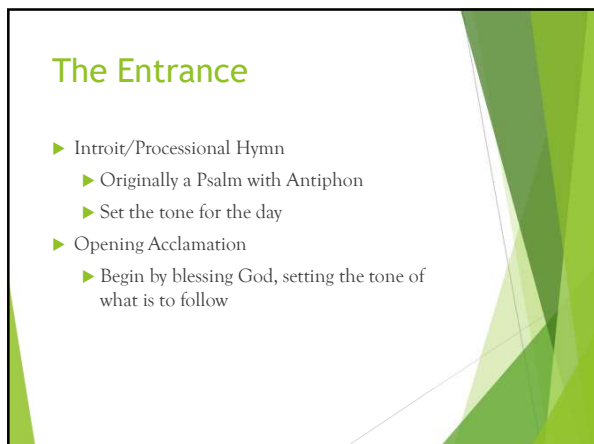
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### The Entrance

- ▶ Introit/Processional Hymn
  - ▶ Originally a Psalm with Antiphon
  - ▶ Set the tone for the day
- ▶ Opening Acclamation
  - ▶ Begin by blessing God, setting the tone of what is to follow

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### The Entrance

- ▶ Collect for Purity
  - ▶ Collects collect the thoughts of those gathered
  - ▶ Ask God to prepare us for what we are about to do, clearing our hearts and minds, purifying the intentions of our hearts
- ▶ The Decalogue / Summary of the Law
  - ▶ 10 Commandments (with *Kyrie*)
  - ▶ Two Great Commandments

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### The Entrance

- ▶ *Kyrie* – Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy...
- ▶ *Trisagion* – Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.
- ▶ *Gloria in excelsis*
- ▶ Song of Praise

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### Liturgy of the Word

- ▶ Collect
  - ▶ Proper of the Day or Week
  - ▶ Thematic to the season, feast, occasion
- ▶ Lesson
  - ▶ \*Old Testament\* - Story of the Hebrew people and God's covenant with them
    - ▶ \*Except Easter, when we read from Acts\*
  - ▶ Law, Prophets, Writings (History, Wisdom literature)
  - ▶ Looking forward to Christ

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### Liturgy of the Word

- ▶ Psalm
  - ▶ Sung (preferred) or Spoken
  - ▶ Antiphonally, responsively, responsorially, unison
- ▶ Epistle
  - ▶ New Testament - Letters and Writings of the early church
  - ▶ Proclamation of Jesus Christ to the world

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### Liturgy of the Word

- ▶ Acclamation:
  - ▶ Gospel Procession
  - ▶ Alleluia, Tract, Hymn
- ▶ Gospel
  - ▶ Matthew, Mark, Luke, John - The life, ministry, passion, death, resurrection, ascension of Jesus
  - ▶ Sung or spoken, standing
  - ▶ Face the Gospel book - Christ, the Word of God, present with us

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### Liturgy of the Word

- ▶ Sermon/Homily
  - ▶ Breaking open the Word of Scripture to help us digest it
- ▶ Creed
  - ▶ Declaration of faith
  - ▶ Essentials of the church, and corrective
  - ▶ "We look for the resurrection of the dead..."
    - ▶ Communion of the Saints

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### Liturgy of the Word

- ▶ Prayers of the People
  - ▶ The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
  - ▶ The Nation and all in authority
  - ▶ The welfare of the world
  - ▶ The concerns of the local community
  - ▶ Those who suffer and those in any trouble
  - ▶ The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate) - *Omitted prior to 1928 BCP*

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### Liturgy of the Word

- ▶ Confession of Sin
  - ▶ Contrition
  - ▶ Restitution, where possible
  - ▶ Intention to amend our lives by God's grace
- ▶ Absolution - assurance of pardon
- ▶ Comfortable Words (Rite I)
- ▶ The Peace
  - ▶ Sign of being in communion with one's neighbor
  - ▶ May be moved before receiving Communion

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### Digression: The Prayers Pre-1979

- ▶ The Creed was followed by:
  - ▶ Announcements
  - ▶ Sermon
  - ▶ \* Offertory & Preparation of the Holy Table
  - ▶ Prayers of the Church
  - ▶ Confession (for those receiving)
  - ▶ Absolution and Comfortable Words
  - ▶ Sursum Corda and Canon of the Mass

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